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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CANCELS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: ROMANIAN
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAS ABRUPTLY CANCELED HIS STATE VISIT
TO YUGOSLAVIA SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TODAY. NEITHER BUCHAREST
NOR BELGRADE HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE CANCELLATION. A
YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT IN BUCHAREST TOLD THE U.S. EMBASSY YESTER-
DAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS "MYSTIFIED" BY THE ROMANIAN DE-
CISION, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY BELGRADE

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

***** WHSR COMMENT *****

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TO ATTRIBUTE TO "TECHNICAL AND PROTOCOL REASONS." THE BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY REPORTS WELL-INFORMED SOURCES HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THE VISIT NOW IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR SOON. THE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT TOLD THE U.S. EMBASSY THAT CEAUDESCU HAD INSISTED THAT PRESIDENT TITO GREET HIM AT THE AIRPORT, A UNIQUE COURTESY THE YUGOSLAV LEADER HAD EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT FORD. THE YUGOSLAVS REPORTEDLY REFUSED, DESPITE THE ROMANIAN CONTENTION THAT CEAUDESCU IS TITO'S "CLOSEST ALLY." THE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES ALSO COULD NOT AGREE ON A JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES PROPOSED BY ROMANIA AND ON TWO SUGGESTED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. CIA BELIEVES STRAINS IN THE RELATION OF BOTH COUNTRIES WITH MOSCOW ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE CAUSED THE CANCELLATION THAN THE ALLEGED BILATERAL DIFFICULTIES.

GISCARD REVERSES POMPIDOU'S NUCLEAR TRIGGER POLICY: THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE IN PARIS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS DECIDED THAT A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO COMMIT FRANCE'S MAIN BATTLE FORCE -- THE FIRST ARMY AND ASSOCIATED TACTICAL AIR FORCES -- WILL NOT CARRY WITH IT THE AUTHORITY TO USE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. GISCARD'S POLICY IS THAT WHEN THE FIRST ARMY IS COMMITTED IT WILL CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ALONG, BUT RELEASE AUTHORITY CAN ONLY COME FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

RECORD SOVIET DEBTS TO WEST SEEN POSSIBLE: THE SOVIET'S HARD-CURRENCY DEFICIT CONTINUES TO GROW, AND MAY REACH A RECORD \$3.5 BILLION THIS YEAR. A SIZABLE DEFICIT WILL CONTINUE WELL INTO 1976 BECAUSE OF HEAVY IMPORTS OF GRAIN AND CAPITAL GOODS. CIA STILL BELIEVES THAT MOSCOW WILL BE ABLE TO FINANCE THE DEFICIT WITHOUT APPRECIABLE DIFFICULTY. THE USSR SO FAR HAS MADE NO SERIOUS MOVES TO SLASH LOW-PRIORITY IMPORTS OR TO CUT BACK ORDERS FOR WESTERN PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT.

THAI PLANES FIRE ON LAO GUNS IN RETALIATION ALONG MEKONG: THE GOVERNMENT IN BANGKOK ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THAI AIRCRAFT HAD FIRED UPON LAOTIAN GUN POSITIONS ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER. BANGKOK IS CLAIMING THAT THE LAO SHORE POSITIONS HAD FIRED ON A THAI PATROL BOAT. IT WAS THE MOST SERIOUS THAI REACTION YET TO THE DETERIORATING SITUATION ALONG THE LAO-THAI BORDER. BANGKOK ASSERTS THAT LAOTIAN FORCES ALONG THE RIVER HAVE ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WEEK FIRED ON THAI PATROL BOATS. THE THAI AIR STRIKE OCCURRED ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTH OF SAVANNAKHET. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL LAO REACTION TO EITHER THE THAI STATEMENT OR THE AIR ATTACK.

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SOVIET MINISTERS STILL DRAFTING NEXT FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN:
THE SOVIET COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET MONDAY FOR THE SECOND
TIME IN FOUR MONTHS TO REWORK THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC
PLAN (1976-1980). DRAFTS OF THE PLAN APPARENTLY HAVE TO BE
AMENDED TO CONFORM TO NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PARTY'S
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV. SOVIET
OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD U.S. DIPLOMATS THAT THE DRAFTING OF
THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN IS BEHIND SCHEDULE. THESE OFFICIALS
CITE SEVERAL PROBLEMS COMPLICATING THE PROCESS: THE UNEX-
PECTEDLY LARGE EXPENDITURES OF HARD CURRENCY THIS YEAR FOR
GRAIN AND OTHER IMPORTS, DISAGREEMENTS OVER INDUSTRIAL RE-
ORGANIZATION, REGIONAL LOBBYING FOR NEW PROJECTS, AND EF-
FORTS TO SHIFT SOMEWHAT FROM QUANTITATIVE TO QUALITATIVE
GOALS IN PRODUCTION.

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